Heating Your Home

consumer brief

Homeowners who buy a variety of fuels to heat their homes can help ensure they receive what they pay for. The New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs and its Office of Weights and Measures offer the following advice for those buying heating oil, propane, kerosene and/ or firewood.
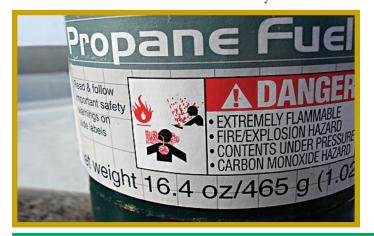
HOME HEATING OIL

The homeowner MUST receive a delivery ticket when home heating oil is received. The ticket must include the date of delivery, the number of gallons delivered, the grade of fuel delivered, the name of the company and signature of the person making the delivery.

Try to estimate how much fuel is remaining in your tank before the scheduled delivery. If you are home, make sure a blank delivery ticket is inserted into the meter on the truck before heating oil is pumped into your tank.

If you have questions about the amount of fuel delivered, first contact your supplier. If questions remain unresolved, contact your county Office of Weights and Measures.

LIQUIFIED PROPANE GAS

The homeowner MUST receive a delivery ticket and the

ticket must state the volume of propane delivered.

The use of artificial heat, which can expand the volume of liquefied propane gas, is prohibited during delivery.

KEROSENE

If purchasing kerosene at a service station, make sure the pump has a Weights and Measures inspection sticker on it. The sticker indicates that the pump has passed its annual inspection.

If receiving a kerosene delivery at home, a delivery ticket is required if the amount of kerosene exceeds 10 gallons.

FIREWOOD

A cord of firewood contains 128 cubic feet of stacked wood (width x height x length of the stacked wood must equal 128 cubic feet.)

The homeowner must receive a delivery ticket that contains the name of the seller, the delivery date, the quantity of wood delivered, the price of the wood delivered and a description of the wood delivered.

Whole logs may be sold by the weight of the log.

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